



# R. Austin Kucera

[AustinKucera.com](http://AustinKucera.com)  
[R@AustinKucera.com](mailto:R@AustinKucera.com)  
[linkedin.com/in/RAustinKucera](https://www.linkedin.com/in/RAustinKucera)

## Passionate Software Developer

AWS Certified developer focused on architecting and implementing cloud based solutions

### EDUCATION

**Fisher College of Business:** Ohio State University

- BS in Business Administration
- Full Academic Scholarship
- BA in English
- Magna Cum Laude, GPA 3.7

**Residential Fellow:** Trinity Forum Academy

- Awarded a fully-funded, 9-month leadership and research fellowship

### EXPERIENCE

**Fuse** Tech Lead, Claims Processing Product Team: Feb 2021-Present

- Leading the formation of a new product within the medical finance space

**Agility Partners** Tech Lead, Contractor to Fuse: Aug 2020-Feb 2021

- Helped form the new Proclaimers Claims Processing Product Team

**Pillar** Journeyman Software Artisan, Connected Data Engine: Jan 2019-Aug 2020

- Led effort to create simulation of physical space (sensors and people) to empower development on the Data Engine before hardware was manufactured
- Led creation of full stack app that visually demoed power of the Data Engine for the SxSW demo.

**Pillar** Journeyman Software Artisan, Smart Columbus: October 2018-Jan 2019

- Co-led mini dev team of struggling developers in order to help them come up to speed
- Organized and lead Learning Lunches; spoke on 3d modelling, test driving a hobby project and other subjects
- Led effort to locally run our cloud environment, in order to speed up development
- Built two programs (mostly outside work hours) so that we could move to open source card management without losing capabilities we had in our current tools

**Nationwide** Sr. Developer, Innovation Team: November 2017-October 2018

- Developed a chat bot that gives advice to small business owners. Powered by AWS Lambda, Lex, AWS Cloud Formation, and Machine Learning. Built by three developers in approximately two months
- Demonstrated AI Ubiquity by building software that recognizes associate faces; built by a team of three developers in three days using AWS
- Created a 3D photo-realistic interactive experience for our on-campus museum utilizing HoloLens. Built by a team of two developers in four and a half weeks. Awarded Outstanding Contribution Award internally and submitted for an external award

**Nationwide** Tech Lead: May 2017-November 2017

- Led one of eight teams on a tier one project: a Java application that manages ~25% of Nationwide's income
- Improved team collaboration and best practices while maintaining KPI
- Was complemented by business leadership for improving relationships between the business and the development team, as well as by developers for providing clarity of technical and business requirements

**Nationwide:** Sr. Developer, Software Development Services: January 2016-May 2017

- Feature Lead for the Mitosis team: April - May 2017
- Created Darklaunch framework for selective deployment of functionality, which the project tech lead sought to champion to rest of IT
- Created SQL builder framework to simplify custom queries usually embedded in code

**Nationwide** Spec Lead, Business Info: 2014-2016

- Automated 75% of responsibilities I was hired to perform
- Met with leaders throughout the department and created technical solutions to business problems
- Created tool to analyze benchmarking results. Presented tool at annual Real Estate Executive Board (REEB) cohort in NYC. REEB later adapted the tool for their other customers to use

### PERSONAL INTERESTS

- 2 shy of 1,900 contributions on Github in 2019
- 4-12 hours spent programming hobby projects on most weekends
- Our chat bot won 5th place (out of 60 teams) at 2017 Hackathon; participated in Hackathon 2014-2018
- Created 32 modifications for 4 games; they have been downloaded over 700,000 times
- Multiple videos produced/edited for work, including one that was presented to Nationwide senior leadership
- Wrote and self-published fantasy novel Nitsua (available on Amazon)
- Three time varsity wrestling team captain at Highland High School, Sectional and District Champion